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The reply filed on February 5, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The elected invention was drawn to a method of inducing remodeling of cardiac muscle . . . using neuregulin. Applicant has amended the claims to now further encompass any functional fragment of neuregulin or a nucleic acid encoding any neuregulin protein, or a functional fragment, thereof. Thus, the added claims are no longer drawn to using neuregulin (i.e. assumed to be SEQ ID NO: 2, see new claim 34), but also to using numerous neuregulin fragments, as well as nucleic acids and nucleic acid fragments. Therefore, the response is held to be inadvertently non-responsive.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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